

**House Study Bill 503 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning the determination of fees charged for  
2 examining and copying public records.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 22.3, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 2. All expenses of the examination and copying shall be  
4 paid by the person desiring to examine or copy. The lawful  
5 custodian may charge a reasonable fee for the services of  
6 the lawful custodian or the custodian's authorized designee  
7 in supervising the examination and copying of the records.  
8 If copy equipment is available at the office of the lawful  
9 custodian of any public records, the lawful custodian shall  
10 provide any person a reasonable number of copies of any public  
11 record in the custody of the office upon the payment of a  
12 fee. The fee for the copying service as determined by the  
13 lawful custodian shall not exceed the actual cost of providing  
14 the service. Actual costs shall include only those expenses  
15 directly attributable to supervising the examination of and  
16 making and providing copies of public records. Actual costs  
17 shall not include charges for legal services for the redaction  
18 or review of public records and ordinary expenses or costs such  
19 as employment benefits, depreciation, maintenance, electricity,  
20 or insurance associated with the administration of the office  
21 of the lawful custodian.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill provides that the fees charged for supervising  
26 the examination of and copying public records by the lawful  
27 custodian shall not include charges for legal services for the  
28 redaction or review of the public records.